

KATRINA RECOVERY: DAILY MESSAGE POINTS

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

Department of Natural Resources

Federal Oil and Gas Production

- Evacuations
 - Evacuated Platforms 124 15.14% of total platforms
 - Evacuated Rigs 4 2.99% of total rigs

These evacuations are equivalent to 15.14% of 819 manned platforms and 2.99% of 134 rigs currently operating in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM)

- Oil & Gas
 - Oil 59.88% (898,161 BOPD) shut in
 - Gas 38.29% (3.829 BCFPD) shut in
 - Cumulative Shut-in Oil Production: 2.963% of yearly production
 - Cumulative Shut-in Gas Production: 2.203% of yearly production

Today's shut-in oil production is 898,161 BOPD. This shut-in oil production is equivalent to 59.88% of the daily oil production in the GOM, which is currently approximately 1.5 million BOPD.

Today's shut-in gas production is 3.829 BCFPD. This shut-in gas production is equivalent to 38.29% of the daily gas production in the GOM, which is currently approximately 10 BCFPD.

The cumulative shut-in oil production for the period 8/26/05-9/9/05 is 16,223,825 bbls, which is equivalent to 2.963% of the yearly production of oil in the GOM (approximately 547.5 million barrels).

The cumulative shut-in gas production 8/26/05-9/9/05 is 80.411 BCF, which is equivalent to 2.203% of the yearly production of gas in the GOM (approximately 3.65 TCF).

MMS will issue the another update on Monday (09.12.05).

State Oil and Gas Production

- Oil 50% shut in
- Gas 29% shut in
- Loss of this production equates into approximately \$2.6 million in daily royalty and severance income to the state of Louisiana
- DNR is communicating by phone and e-mail with most companies to get reports on damage and to facilitate access and movement of men and materials to restore oil and gas exploration and production

Pipeline Issues

- Gasoline Pipelines
 - Colonial Products- 100% capacity (full power restored)
 - Plantation pipelines- 100% capacity
- Propane Pipeline
 - Dixie Pipelines- app. 50% capacity (2 million gallons per day)
 - The Dixie Propane Pipeline is currently running at full capacity; however, the Hattiesburg, MS, terminal remains without power

- LOOP
 - The LOOP is currently operating at about 75% of its maximum.
 - 2 of its 3 berths are open
 - Which allows dual discharging while also eliminating the turnaround time between pumping sessions.
 - Entergy expects to have the LOOP's tank facility power back today, which will allow LOOP to access to the special crudest that refineries are requesting
 - Entergy is working with GE to obtain a 22 MW generator to provide power to the Fourchon Booster Station.
 - Operations may return to normal by this weekend.
 - 7 ships are awaiting entrance into LOOP
 - Outbound deliveries are resuming with the exception of a few large refineries located in the New Orleans area
- Entergy
 - Entergy reports that there has been extensive damage to Entergy's gas distribution system
 - This has affected service to many of Entergy's 147,000 natural gas customers in New Orleans
 - Entergy also reports that as water is pumped out of the city, company teams of employees will reenter to survey areas for damage and isolate leaks. Areas that are damaged will be identified for repair
 - Those repairs will be prioritized and worked to return the system to normal operation
 - Continue working with PSC to provide electricity to key areas to improve capacity

Department of Health & Hospitals

- The Department of Health and Hospitals has established two response teams in several regions of the state to go into shelters and help evacuees who need social services such as counseling, substance abuse treatment or therapeutic services for people with developmental disabilities.
 - Each team will have a social worker, psychiatric worker, addictions counselor and registered nurse. They will work 24 hours, seven days a week to refer people to appropriate services in the region to receive treatment. The **teams also will offer on-site counseling.**
 - Teams will work in Baton Rouge, Houma/Thibodaux, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Alexandria, Shreveport and Monroe areas.
- DHH, in conjunction with several other state and federal agencies is implementing a **mosquito control plan** in the New Orleans area. Beginning Sunday, September 11, US Air Force planes will begin aerial spraying in that area.
- In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, state officials are suspending all activities related to the Louisiana BEACH Monitoring Program through Oct. 31, the end of swim season. This is due to excessive damage to some of the monitored beach sites. Also, the state's public health laboratory, where the beach water samples were analyzed each week, is located in New Orleans and is now out of commission
 - **Dialysis services** in the New Orleans area **have been greatly disrupted** by the recent events surrounding Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Health and Hospitals urges patients on dialysis to continue treatment. Patients unable to access their usual dialysis unit should call **504-338-4267** or **985-537-6903** to arrange treatment.

- Staff with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Medicaid office are now in evacuee shelters assisting families who need to enroll in Medicaid for health care benefits. Staff with the Louisiana Department of Education is assisting.
- The Hurricane Katrina **Louisiana Medicaid Program** is primarily for children younger than 19, pregnant women, people with disabilities, people who are 65 years of age or older and very low-income parents with children younger than 19. Many people who have not qualified for the program in the past will qualify because they have lost their homes and their jobs because of the storm.
- Due to the difficulty that many families who have evacuated their homes would have in providing documentation typically required to apply for Medicaid, the state has eliminated some of the verification requirements, making it easier to apply.
- Those affected by the storm can apply for the program in person or at a local Medicaid office. Applications are available at Medicaid offices, on the Medicaid Web

Department of Transportation & Development

- **MAP**
 - DOTD's Motorist Assistance Patrol is expanding its service in Baton Rouge in light of heavier traffic on I-10 and I-12.
 - It has doubled the number of vans in use, increased patrol hours to 10 p.m. daily.
 - Effective Monday, DOTD will add a MAP tow truck to quickly remove disabled vehicles from the interstate
- **I-10 "twin-span" bridge contract awarded:**
 - Hours after opening bids for emergency repairs to the I-10 twin-span bridge, DOTD used the "fast-track" method to award a \$30.9 million contract to Boh Brothers Construction Co. of New Orleans, the low bidder on the job.
 - Work will begin Monday and continue 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Cooperative effort continues with the Corps on the London Street canal repairs and pumping stations. And debris cleanup and road sign and signal work continues.

Department of Social Services

- **Disaster Food Stamp Program** was **extended** from Friday, Sept. 9 and will continue through Friday, Sept. 16.
 - o Residents from the following devastated parishes may participate: Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Washington, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. John, West Feliciana, Lafourche, Terrebonne, Tangipahoa, Livingston and St. Helena.
- There are currently **48,905** displaced citizens in **228** Louisiana shelters
 - o Another **659** citizens are housed in six special needs shelters
 - o FEMA and Red Cross are now tracking out-of-state shelters
- To ensure that all shelters have available inventory to care for displaced citizens, DSS is requesting those housing 25 displaced citizens to register with the state by calling (866) 310-7610
 - o If a shelter is already registered with its parish Office of Emergency or is a private residence, it is not necessary to call

Department of Environmental Quality

Water Sampling

- DEQ and EPA have collected more than **100 water samples** at several areas affected by Hurricane Katrina
- The results from the Sept. 4-5 sampling show **high levels of bacteria** and **very low levels of toxics**
- The levels were below any levels of concern

Debris Burning

- Due to the large amount of debris, **variances have been issued for open burning of debris** in Terrebone and LaFourche parishes
- Where possible, the debris will be burned in a curtain destructor which will minimize smoke and particulate matters
- Plans are in place for FEMA, DEQ and the EPA to monitor the air around these sites
- DEQ enforcement staff will inspect the burn sites to verify the material burning is hurricane-related debris.

Possible Fish Kills

- **DEQ expects to see scattered fish kills** across southeastern Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina
- Most of these fish kills will be associated with **low dissolved oxygen** in the water
- This low dissolved oxygen results from the organic matter washed into the streams, lakes and bays from storm debris and floodwater runoff
- As the organic matter in the water is assimilated the oxygen levels will return to levels that will support aquatic life

If you want to report an environmental hazard, call DEQ at **(225) 342-1234** or **1-888-763-5424**.

Department of Labor

- DOL announced **Louisiana needs more federal assistance** to help pay unprecedented unemployment claims and to get people back to work
 - Louisiana Department of Labor Secretary John Warner Smith said at a press conference Friday that
 - Included U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and several other federal officials

DOL One Stops and Job Centers will be open and accepting applications for **Unemployment Insurance** and **Disaster Unemployment Assistance** from: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., Sept. 10 and Sun. Sept. 11

Evacuees looking for employment can call the DOL toll free number at **1-866-310-1585** between the hours of **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

- Jobseekers also can visit the Department of Labor Web site, www.LAWORKS.net to post a **résumé**
- DOL has taken at **115,000** unemployment claims from person who lost their jobs because of Hurricane Katrina
- Those already receiving U.I. checks before Hurricane Katrina can pick them up in the lobby of the LDOL administration building
 - o LDOL Administration Bldg.
 - o 1001 N. 23rd Street
 - o 8 am to 5 pm
 - o Proper identification is required

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

- **Louisiana Seafood Board Launches Message Board for Gulf Coast Seafood Industry**
 - o The Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board announced it is launching a web message board in partnership with Seafood Business
 - o **Designed to reunite members** of the Gulf Coast and Louisiana seafood industry affected by Hurricane Katrina
 - Provides a platform for separated family members and acquaintances to post information on their whereabouts and the status of their loved ones
 - Also provides the means for fishermen to report on damages and losses to the industry by sector and location in each state
 - o Available online at www.LouisianaSeafood.com
- **Ducks Unlimited Pledges \$15 Million To Help Restore Louisiana's Coastal Marsh**
 - o Ducks Unlimited is the world's leader in wetlands restoration
 - o Ducks Unlimited will work with partner conservation organizations, federal conservation agencies and the state of Louisiana
 - o To protect and restore 52,000 acres along the Louisiana coast by 2008
- **Wildlife Office Personnel Working on Storm Recovery Projects**
 - o LDWF's Wildlife Division biologists, technicians and foresters have been working in and around state wildlife management areas in the Washington and St. Tammany Parish areas
 - o Including Pearl River and Ben's Creek WMA
 - o The major effort is focused on tree and debris removal from roadways within or near the WMAs
 - o Signs of life – fresh deer and turkey tracks – have biologists encouraged
- **Fur and Refuge Division personnel have made preliminary surveys of other WMAs**
 - o WLF personnel found property largely intact on the western edge of Lake Borgne in the Biloxi WMA
 - o Pass-A-Loutre WMA at the southeastern most tip of the state has sustained severe damage from a wetland/marshland vegetation standpoint

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

- Our offices continue to work with local and federal agencies to identify and meet the needs of those affected by Hurricane Katrina
 - o Disaster Recovery is working hand in hand with FEMA to conduct site visits to the affected parishes to assess the needs of the parishes.
 - The critical issue there is to restore the function of the local government
 - o Working with FEMA, the Disaster Recovery Division of OHSEP is assessing the needs of the individuals; together we have and we will continue to provide assistance to individuals and families in need
 - o OHSEP continues to coordinate commodities distribution with FEMA to those in need
 - o Another issues working now is to provide more secure temporary housing for those displaced by the storm.
 - o OHSEP is working closely with FEMA to move trailers and tents into areas to house sheltered evacuees

Department of Education

Superintendents of school districts impacted by Hurricane Katrina have now been able to assess damage

- o In Jefferson Parish, 57 of the 84 schools have been inspected
 - 9 have severe damage, 11 need repairs and 37 have no damage
 - Monday, October 3rd is the target date for some schools to reopen in **Jefferson Parish**
- o **Orleans Parish** has 126 schools, but only 8 have been assessed on the West Bank. All are usable
- o In **Plaquemines Parish**, six of the nine schools are completely flooded
- o **St. Bernard Parish** believes all 15 schools are under water and have suffered extensive damage
- o Both **Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes** are unable to estimate when they will reopen schools
- o **St. Charles Parish** has assessed 19 schools and only one has minor roof damage
 - No date has been set to reopen the St. Charles Parish School System
- o In **St. Tammany Parish**, five of 51 schools are severely damaged and unusable
 - However, St. Tammany believes the 2,600 students can be platooned in other schools when the district reopens on October 3rd
- o In Washington Parish all nine schools suffered damage, with three of them needing major repairs
 - Washington is planning to open schools September 19th
- o The City of Bogalusa reports some damage to 10 schools and says the Central Office has been destroyed
 - Officials hope to reopen schools October 3rd

- **DOE Call Center** continue to answer questions from concerned parents and teachers Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - o That toll-free number is **1-877-453-2721**

Board of Regents/ Colleges & Universities

The LSU Hurricane Information Hotline

- 225-578-4636 and 1-800-516-6444
- Now open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (previously open 24/ 7)

- Students may call with questions on such topics as enrolling displaced students, course scheduling, and financial aid

- **Donations Accepted During LSU- Arizona State Game**

- LSU Foundation staff members will be manning LSU's Tiger Talk call center, taking donations to the relief fund
- Call 1-877-LSU-GIVE to make a donation

- **Southeastern Louisiana University**

- SELU will host two special sessions for displaced students
- Sept. 10 @ 12 noon and Monday, Sept. 12 @ 4:30 p.m.
- Held at the SLU Student Union
- Students will be provided academic counseling, advice, and other information regarding application and registration at Southeastern

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